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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits that with the amendments set forth herein, the application is in condition for allowance. A Petition for a one month extension of time and the appropriate fee has been filed herewith. Accordingly the time to respond to the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2006 has been extended to February 5, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.

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